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Assistant Chief, Mediterranean Bureau

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Chief, FBIB

Cyprus Project Report dated 29 May 1948

1. Receipt of the above referred to report is herewith acknowledged. Progress made on this project is encouraging. With construction of features by the contractors estimated to take five months, how many more months will be required for the completion of installation and testing of equipment by our personnel? What would you venture to quote as an activation date under normal conditions?

2. Confirmation copies of your requisitions received by air mail are being used for actual purchasing. The teletyped requisitions were worse than they looked at first, due to, among other things, such factors as omissions of ciphers in quantities, etc. All of the late requisitioning is placing a heavy load on Stutler's shop here, but they are working hard to accomplish all possible purchasing by 30 June 1948.

3. Although the need for setting up emergency operations on Cyprus has abated considerably as of this date, your thoughts should always be on the possibility that such a need may come up again on short notice. A suggested plan is that as construction on the new station proceeds, planning be aimed at use of the new antennae and equipment in an emergency arrangement set up in the storage building. This means that the lines to Nicosia should be put up early in the construction program. Unless an emergency should be upon us soon, operations from the regular site would be preferred. Your planning for the emergency operations is good.

4. It is hoped that the problems of shipping materials out of Cairo can soon be solved. The weapons carrier will be invaluable to your project during construction phases for hauling supplies from the docks, etc.

5. has arrived safely. We were glad to get his first hand late reports.

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6. Your address as of 1 June 1948 is noted.

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